

**REMARKS**

As of this response, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 18-22, and 31 are pending and were allowed in the Office Action.

As suggested by the Office Action, Claim 31 was amended to include the limitations of the rejected base claim and is in condition for allowance. No new matter is added.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's diligence in this matter and request a Notice of Allowance for the allowed claims.

Claims 27-29, 32, 35 and 37 are cancelled without prejudice in this response.

### **CONCLUSION**

As of this response, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 18-22, and 31 are pending and were allowed in the Office Action. All rejected claims in the Office Action were cancelled without prejudice. There being no other rejections, Applicants respectfully request that the current application be allowed and passed to issue.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or need any additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. To the extent that fees may be required for this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account 24-0037.

Respectfully submitted,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gary A. Nitowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and last name "Nitowski" clearly legible.

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